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For: A METHOD OF CONTROLLING REMOVAL OF PHOTORESIST IN OPENINGS OF A PHOTORESIST MASK

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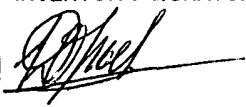
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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including  
the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty of disclosure all information which is known to me to be material to the patentability in  
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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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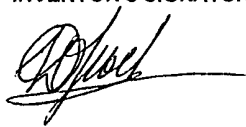
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